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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

NICHOLAS BARKSDALE HOWARD,

Petitioner,

VS.

RENEE BAKER, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:15-cv-02284-JCM-VCF

ORDER

Petitioner has submitted a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The court dismisses this action because petitioner did not pay the filing fee and because his application to proceed in forma pauperis (#1) is incomplete, lacking a signed financial certificate and a copy of his inmate account statement, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2. The court has reviewed the petition preliminarily, and the dismissal of this action would not affect the timeliness of a subsequent petition 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1), assuming that petitioner promptly commences a new action with the required documents.

Reasonable jurists would not find the court's conclusion to be debatable or wrong, and the court will not issue a certificate of appealability.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this action is **DISMISSED** without prejudice to petitioner's commencement of a <u>new</u> action in which he either pays the filing fee in full or submits a complete application to proceed <u>in forma pauperis</u>, accompanied by a signed financial certificate and a statement of his inmate account. The clerk of the court shall enter judgment accordingly and close this action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certificate of appealability is **DENIED**. DATED: March 9, 2016. United States District Judge